

PUERTO RICO

SBA DECLARATION #R104 -- MILITARY RESERVIST ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM

Small businesses employing military reservists may apply for economic injury disaster loans if those employees are called up to active duty during a period of military conflict existing on or after March 24, 1999 and those employees are essential to the success of the small business daily operations. The filing period for small businesses to apply for economic injury loan assistance under the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (MREIDL) begins the date the essential employee is ordered to active duty and ends on the date 90 days after the essential employee is discharged or released from active duty.

For further information call SBA at 1-800-659-2955.

SBA DECLARATION #3559/9Y06 -- SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING, MUDSLIDES AND LANDSLIDES

Homeowners, renters and business owners in the municipalities of Aibonito, Arroyo, Cabo Rojo, Canovanas, Fajardo, Guanica, Guayama, Juana Diaz, Lajas, Loiza, Luquillo, Maunabo, Naguabo, Patillas, Rio Grande, Salinas, Santa Isabel, Toa Baja, Yabucoa and Yauco in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are eligible to apply for an SBA disaster loan to cover physical losses resulting from the severe storms, flooding, mudslides and landslides that occurred November 10 through November 23, 2003. Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) are available to small businesses located in the primary municipalities, as well as the contiguous municipalities of Adjuntas, Barranquitas, Bayamon, Carolina, Catano, Cayey, Ceiba, Cidra, Coamo, Comerio, Corozal, Dorado, Guayanilla, Hormigueros, Humacao, Jayuya, Juncos, Lares, Las Piedras, Maricao, Mayaguez, Naranjito, Orocovi, Ponce, Sabana Grande, San Germna, San Lorenzo, Toa Alta and Villalba in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. However, to be eligible for consideration under the SBA disaster program, losses sustained must be the result of the severe storms, flooding, mudslides and landslides.

The deadline for filing Physical loan applications is January 20, 2004.

The deadline for filing EIDLs is August 23, 2004.

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